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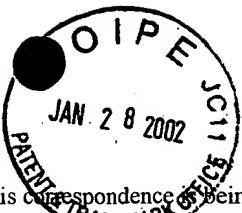
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Sir:

In compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits the following references for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of all of the cited references and a completed copy of Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

## I. DISCLOSURE

### A. U.S. Patents

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
5,758,427	Feichtinger et al.	06/02/98
5,771,594	Feichtinger et al.	06/30/98
5,808,185	Siraky	09/15/98
5,981,940	Setbacken et al.	11/09/99
6,124,654	Siraky	09/26/00

### B. Foreign Patents

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
89 15 109	W. Germany	04/05/90
195 21 845	Germany	12/19/96
0 762 081	EP	03/12/97
196 29 585	Germany	03/13/97
196 17 585	Germany	06/19/97
197 42 800	Germany	09/02/99

## II. DISCUSSION

### A. U.S. Patent No. 5,981,940

The '940 patent was designated as an X-type reference in a search report for European Patent Application 01 11 0410, which corresponds to the present application.

An X-type reference is deemed pertinent to patentability when taken alone.

**B. West German Reference No. 89 15 109**

The pertinence of the '109 reference is discussed at lines 16-17 of page 6 of the subject application.

The '109 reference was designated as an X-type and D-type reference in a search report for European Patent Application 01 11 0410, which corresponds to the present application.

**C. German Reference No. 195 21 845**

The pertinence of the '845 reference is discussed at lines 24-26 of page 1 of the subject application.

**D. European Reference No. 0 762 081**

The pertinence of the '081 reference is discussed at lines 6-16 of page 8 of the subject application. It is believed that U.S. Patent No. 5,771,594 corresponds to the '081 reference.

The '081 reference was designated as an A-type and D-type reference in a search report for European Patent Application 01 11 0410, which corresponds to the present application.

An A-type reference provides technical background and is not deemed pertinent to patentability.

**E. German Reference No. 196 29 585**

The pertinence of the '585 reference is discussed at lines 27-30 of page 1 and lines 1-4 of page 2 of the subject application. It is believed that U.S. Patent No. 5,758,427 corresponds to the '585 reference.

The '585 reference was designated as an A-type and D-type reference in a search report for European Patent Application 01 11 0410, which corresponds to the present application.

**F. German Reference No. 196 17 585**

The pertinence of the '585 reference is discussed at lines 24-26 of page 1 of the subject application. It is believed that U.S. Patent No. 5,808,185 corresponds to the '585 reference.

**G. German Reference No. 197 42 800**

Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language abstract, the '800 reference is pertinent because it appears to disclose a rotation angle measurement system with a stator coupled to rotate with a motor stator via a stator coupling that permits axial and swaying movement but not radial movement. It is believed that U.S. Patent No. 6,124,654 corresponds to the '800 reference.

The '800 reference was designated as an X-type reference in a search report for European Patent Application 01 11 0410, which corresponds to the present application.

**III. CONCLUSION**

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicant wishes to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicant's desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to

see." Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record.

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